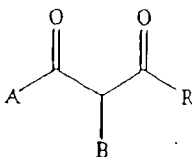


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the present application under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121(c), as indicated below:

1. (Cancelled):
2. (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 19, characterized in that the compounds having formula (I) are present as tautomeric forms, pure or as blends of tautomeric forms, in any proportion whatsoever.
- 3-12 (Canceled)
13. (Previously presented): Herbicidal compositions containing, one or more compounds having general formula (I):

(I)



wherein A, B and R have the meanings according to claim 19 .

14. (Previously presented): The herbicidal compositions according to claim 13, including other herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, acaricides, fertilizers, compatible with the compounds having general formula (I).

15. (Original): The herbicidal compositions according to claim 14, characterized in that the additional herbicides are selected from: acetochlor, acifluorfen, aclonifen, AKH-7088, alachlor, alloxydim, ametryn, amicarbazone, amidosulfuron, amitrole, anilofos, asulam, atrazine, azafenidin, azimsulfuron, aziprotryne, BAS 670 H, BAY MKH 6561, beflubutamid, benazolin, benfluralin, benfuresate, bensulfuron, bensulide, bentazone, benzfendizone, benzobicyclon, benzofenap, benzthiazuron, bifenox, bilanafos, bispyribac-sodium, bromacil, bromobutide, bromofenoxim, bromoxynil, butachlor, butafenacil, butamifos, butenachlor, butralin, butroxydim, butylate, cafenstrole, carbetamide, carfentrazone-ethyl, chlomethoxyfen, chloramben, chlorbromuron, chlorbufam, chlorflurenol, chloridazon, chlorimuron, chlornitrofen, chlorotoluron, chloroxuron, chlorpropham, chlorsulfuron, chlorthal, chlorthiamid, cinidon ethyl, cinmethylin, cinosulfuron, clethodim, clodinafop, clomazone, clomeprop, clopyralid, cloransulam-methyl, cumyluron (JC-940), cyanazine, cycloate, cyclosulfamuron, cycloxydim, cyhalofop-butyl, 2,4-D, 2,4-DB, daimuron, dalapon, desmedipham, desmetryn, dicamba, dichlobenil, dichlorprop, dichlorprop-P, diclofop, diclosulam, diethatyl, difenoxuron, difenzoquat, diflufenican, diflufenzopyr, dimefuron, dimepiperate, dimethachlor, dimethametryn, dimethenamid, dinitramine, dinosseb, dinoseb acetate, dinoterb, diphenamid, dipropetryn, diquat, dithiopyr, 1-diuron, eglinazine, endothal, EPTC, espropcarb, ethalfluralin, ethametsulfuron-methyl, ethidimuron, ethiozin (SMY 1500), ethofumesate, ethoxyfen-ethyl (HC-252), ethoxysulfuron, etobenzanid (HW 52), fenoxaprop,

fenoxaprop-P, fentrazamide, fenuron, flamprop, flamprop-M,
flazasulfuron, florasulam, fluazifop, fluazifop-P, fluazolate (JV 485),
flucarbazone-sodium, fluchloralin, flufenacet, flufenpyr ethyl,
flumetsulam, flumiclorac-pentyl, flumioxazin, flumipropin, fluometuron,
fluoroglycofen, fluoronitrofen, flupoxam, fluproanate, flupyrsulfuron,
flurenol, fluridone, flurochloridone, fluroxypyr, flurtamone, fluthiacet-
methyl, fomesafen, foramsulfuron, fosamine, furyloxyfen, glufosinate,
glyphosate, halosulfuron-methyl, haloxyfop, haloxyfop-P-methyl,
hexazinone, imazamethabenz, imazamox, imazapic, imazapyr, imazaquin,
imazethapyr, imazosulfuron, indanofan, iodosulfuron, ioxynil,
isopropalin, isoproturon, isouron, isoxaben, isoxachlortole, isoxaflutole,
isoxapyrifop, KPP-421, lactofen, lenacil, linuron, LS830556, MCPA,
MCPA-thioethyl, MCPB, mecoprop, mecoprop-P, mefenacet,
mesosulfuron, mesotrione, metamitron, metazachlor,
methabenzthiazuron, methazole, methoprotryne, methyldymron,
metobenzuron, metobromuron, metolachlor, S-metolachlor, metosulam,
metoxuron, metribuzin, metsulfuron, molinate, monalide, monolinuron,
naproanilide, napropamide, naptalam, NC-330, neburon, nicosulfuron,
nipyraclufen, norflurazon, orbencarb, oryzalin, oxadiargyl, oxadiazon,
oxasulfuron, oxaziclomefone, oxyfluorfen, paraquat, pebulate,
pendimethalin, penoxsulam, pentanochlor, pentoxazone, pethoxamid,
phenmedipham, picloram, picolinafen, piperophos, pretilachlor,
primisulfuron, prodiamine, profluzol, proglinazine, prometon,
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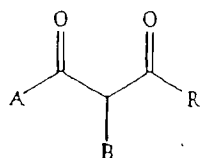
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16. (Original): The compositions according to any of the claims 13-15, characterized in that the concentration of active substance ranges from 1 to 90%.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended): Compounds having general formula (I)



wherein:

-A represents a phenyl or a pyridyl group ~~optionally~~ substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, NO₂, CN, CHO, OH, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkoxy, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆ cyanoalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfinylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylsulfinylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylsulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkylthioalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyhaloalkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, —S(O)_mR₁, —OS(O)_tR₁, —SO₂NR₂R₃, —Q, —ZQ₁;

-B represents a D-(R_x)_n group;

-R represents a cyclopropyl group;

-R₁ represents a C₁-C₆ alkyl group or a C₁-C₆ haloalkyl group;

-m is equal to 0, 1 or 2;

-t is equal to 1 or 2;

-R₂ and R₃, the same or different, represent a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl group in turn optionally substituted with halogen atoms;

-Q and Q₁, represent an aryl group, a C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl group, or a heterocyclic group selected from pyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, tetrazolonyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolinyl, 1,3-dioxolanyl, tetrahydropyranyl, oxethanyl, oxyranyl, thiazolidinyl, oxazolidinyl; said groups optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halogen, NO₂, OH, CN, CHO, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkoxy, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy

-Z is O, S(O)_r;

-r is equal to 0, 1 or 2;

-D represents a monocyclic heteroaryl group selected from 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, [[or]] thiazolyl or 2- pyridyl;

-R_x represents a substituent selected from: hydrogen, halogen, NO₂, CN, CHO, OH, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkyl, linear or branched C₁-C₆ alkoxy, linear or branched C₁-C₆ haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆ cyanoalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfinylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkylsulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkyl,

C₂-C₆ haloalkylthioalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkylsulfinylalkyl, C₂-C₆ haloalkyl-sulfonylalkyl, C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkoxy or C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkyl, C₃-C₁₂ dialkylthioalkoxy, C₃-C₁₂ dialkoxyalkoxy, C₂-C₆ haloalkoxyhalo-alkoxy, C₃-C₁₀ alkoxyalkoxyalkyl;

if several R_x groups are present, these can be the same or different;

-n = 1- 4.